

PLANNED TO HAVE

JAIL TO PRISONERS

Keepers Marched Out of Kings County Prison at Midnight.

300 ARE NEAR LIBERTY.

New Sheriff Hears of It and Hastily Musters His Men in Time.

Three hundred prisoners, confined in Kings county jail, Brooklyn, expected to be free to-day, and they would have been had not Sheriff-elect Michael J. Flaherty learned shortly before midnight that the returning sheriff's crew, thirty in number, and all armed because they had not been honored with responsibility, planned to march from the jail in a body at the stroke of 12, leaving the jail to the mercy of the prisoners, every one of whom had been told that he would be his own keeper until the arrival of the new sheriff and his men.

The returning sheriff, Henry Heisterberg, and his friends failed to save a place for one of his deputies or turnkeys. Friends of the Heisterberg men have been using every influence in their power to save the men their jobs. When influence failed, then, revenge was planned.

When Sheriff-elect Flaherty received word late last night that the jail was to be deserted on the stroke of 12 o'clock he began rounding up his own appointees. The new sheriff, his deputies and turnkeys gathered outside the jail at 11:30 o'clock. They had not expected to arrive until 12:30. They waited on the street, and soon the cries began coming from the jail. The prisoners were singing and yelling. Disorder was general.

For the past week or more there has been little or no discipline in the jail. It is told that the returning keepers have done much to provoke trouble.

"Are you in the jail was at its loudest when the hands of the clock pointed to midnight. Then the doors flew open and out marched the returning sheriff's men.

"A happy New Year to you," said the new sheriff, as he and his men brushed past the returning crew. "But your nice little jail did not work, as you will see."

When Flaherty was soon in possession of the jail, and before 12:30 was twenty minutes old the 300 prisoners were locked in their cells and quiet reigned.

ENTERED LIFE TO DODGE BLACK HAND

"We Will Call on You Jan. 1," Read Letter Demanding Mrs. Zoetzel's Money.

Two recent incidents in her lonely life, it is believed, caused Mrs. Wilhelmina Zoetzel, of No. 2706 Park avenue, to kill herself by taking carbolic acid mixed with milk. She had received a Black-Hand letter and her son had announced his intention of getting married. He is a Cornell graduate and a lawyer at No. 228 Broadway. Mrs. Zoetzel had told the police and the coroner he believed that his mother told the police during a moment of melancholia, produced by the knowledge of his coming wedding, to which she was opposed. He did not tell his wife to-day, however, that his mother had been the recipient of a blackmailing letter which caused her deep dejection. The letter was unsigned and contained the following, written in a scrawl: "You must deliver your money to us. We will call on you Monday, Jan. 1. You will find us when you see us."

Saturday, when Mr. Zoetzel went to Albany, his mother kissed him affectionately. Referring that night to her husband, she found the door locked and concluded that her mother was visiting a relative. He left a note enclosing \$500, which she took to the door. A rear window was found to be open and a note on a couch. Near at hand was a glass containing carbolic acid and milk.

On the table was a bank book, \$30 in cash and a check to a cemetery lot. Mrs. Zoetzel had made all arrangements for her funeral, but left no note stating the cause of her death.

Friday night last Mr. Zoetzel informed his mother, who was a widow, of his approaching marriage. She claimed that no girl was good enough for her son and became hysterical. She refused to be consoled. Mr. Zoetzel declined to make known the name of his fiancée, stating: "She is a poor, stupid girl and shall not be dragged into this affair."

A NEW YEAR'S ROMANCE

John had asked her to be his. As they watched the apples swirl, But just like the north wind whirls Whistled she—and nothing more.

John, however, knew well his lesson, And kept on his love confessions Till she, yielding to caresses, Softly whispered: "Evermore."

So John won her, and the moral is With fate don't stop to quarrel, Just keep asking, and the floral wreath of conquest will be yours.

Thus it is in business matters— "No" might but a faint heart shatters. So "back" your world want till it batters. Down "no" and "yes" secures.

A 7-Time World Want Convinces Many

HURRY EAST

SENTIMENT IS AROUSED.

Business Men Everywhere Declare That Is the Only Relief from Present Conditions.

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With no incentive to competition; with all the five-cent fares going into one pocket, whether they were collected by the conductors of the Metropolitan surface lines or gathered in by the ticket agents of the Interborough Subway or "L" lines, there would be no reason for the "merger" to spend \$20,000,000 in the construction of the great thoroughfare under the Third avenue electric track and under the Third avenue "L."

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That would simply add to the congestion in the present Subway below Forty-second street, and give only the most temporary and quite inadequate relief to the "cattle on the hoof" conditions suffered by the countless thousands who must journey up and down town by the Third avenue elevated road. It would bring little relief to those who, living near by-stations, wait and shiver on the station platforms while train after train whizzes by, loaded to the roof with people from farther uptown, "skipping" the station until it has more than a full load for the fourth or fifth train when it comes to a stop.

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THE WORLD: MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1, 1906.

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